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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S APOLLO-SOYUZ MESSAGES; DOBRYNIN VISIT  
TO HOUSTON; APOLLO-SOYUZ FUNCTIONS IN DEPARTMENT AND AT  
CANAVERAL

REFS: A) STATE 165701 B) STATE 162485 C) STATE 163930  
D) STATE 160735

1. PRESIDENT'S PRE-LAUNCH MESSAGE TO BOTH CREWS (REF A)  
MADE PUBLIC HERE.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL POUCH TO EMBASSY, ATTENTION SCICOUNSELOR  
SIGNED ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS  
TO GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV (REF B) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO  
MFA AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SOYUZ FLIGHT (SCHEDULED  
FOR JULY 21). IF ORIGINAL DOES NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR  
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DELIVERY PROMPTLY AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SOYUZ  
MISSION, EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT TEXT TO SOVIETS,  
ADDING THAT ORIGINAL WILL BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.  
EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN TEXT TRANS-

MITTED TO SOVIETS SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE RELEASE HERE  
AND USE BY VOA. TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER READS AS  
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. GENERAL SECRETARY: I HAVE BEEN  
FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE PROGRESS OF THE APOLLO AND SOYUZ  
FLIGHTS. THE SUCCESSFUL LINKUP OF BOTH SPACESHIPS AND THE  
SCIENTIFIC WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE CREWS DURING THE DOCKED  
PORTION WERE THE CULMINATION OF YEARS OF HARD WORK AND  
COOPERATION BY DEDICATED PEOPLE IN BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.  
THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS.

THIS FLIGHT HAS WRITTEN AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER IN THE  
HISTORY OF MANNED SPACE EXPLORATION. IT IS PROOF THAT  
COOPERATION IN SPACE, INVOLVING THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBU-  
TIONS OF MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY, IS NOT ONLY FEASIBLE BUT  
DESIRABLE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOLLO  
AND SOYUZ CREWS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS AND WILL RESULT  
IN GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND BETTER  
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. I AM EQUALLY CONFIDENT THAT  
THE APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT IS BUT THE FIRST STEP IN CONTIN-  
UING US-SOVIET COOPERATION IN MANNED SPACE ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE CONVEY MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOUR  
COLLEAGUES WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THE FLIGHT A  
SUCCESS, AND PARTICULARLY TO COLONEL LEONOV AND MR.  
KUBASOV. THEIR PROFESSIONAL MANNER AND SKILL WERE OF THE  
HIGHEST ORDER. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM PERSONALLY.

ONCE AGAIN, MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL  
COMPLETION OF THE SOYUZ FLIGHT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD  
END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM MFA ASAP OF PRESIDENT'S  
PLANS FOR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BOTH CREWS DURING  
DOCKED PHASE OF MISSION (REF B). WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THIS  
WILL TAKE PLACE.

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4. NASA INFORMED DEPARTMENT ON JULY 16 THAT AMBASSADOR  
DOBRYNIN HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT HOUSTON MISSION  
CONTROL CENTER AND WILL DO SO ON JULY 17 (REF C).

5. IN CONNECTION WITH APOLLO LAUNCH (REF D), AMBASSADOR  
AND MRS. DOBRYNIN, MRS. VORONTSOV, AND SCICOUNSELOR GUBKIN  
WITNESSED LAUNCH AT CANAVERAL ALONG WITH NUMBER OF OTHER  
HIGH-RANKING US AND FOREIGN OFFICIALS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT  
SOVIET ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE CANCELLED OUT AT LAST  
MOMENT, AND DID NOT GO TO CANAVERAL WITH OTHER FOREIGN  
MILITARY ATTACHES. COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY HARTMAN WERE RANKING STATE DEPARTMENT

OFFICIALS AT LAUNCH. DOBRYNIN SPOKE BRIEFLY AT NASA SPONSORED CEREMONIES IN STATE DEPARTMENT AUDITORIUM MORNING JULY 15 AT WHICH PRESIDENT, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, AND NASA ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER SPOKE BEFORE SOYUZ LAUNCH. DOBRYNIN ALSO HAD INTERVIEWS WITH TWO NETWORKS AFTER CEREMONIES IN DEPARTMENT, AND THEN, AT FLETCHER'S INVITATION, ADDRESSED KENNEDY SPACE CENTER OFFICIALS AND RAPIDLY DIMINISHING CROWD OF VIEWERS AFTER SUCCESSFUL APOLLO LAUNCH. KISSINGER

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